## IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Before the first line on page 6, please add the following paragraph.

Fig. 5a is a schematic view showing the curtain and drum associated with back edge of frame 7 in Figure 5.

Please amend the paragraph on page 11, beginning at line 6 as follows:

According to another preferred embodiment of the invention, the lower frame **5** is equipped with a longitudinal support plate **80** installed free to slide on two cross pieces **81** supported by the longitudinal sides of the frame and extending parallel to the transverse sides **8**. The plate **80** that extends at a distance from the rigid bridges **26** will support the elements forming part of the checking and/or inspection stations of receptacles carried by the endless belts **38**. For example, these elements may be composed of supports, lighting sources, optical sensors, etc. The sliding assembly of said support plate **80** enables a complete displacement of all devices supported by it. Preferably, said support plate **80** is provided with means of locking it in position on the cross pieces **81**. According to one advantageous embodiment <u>as shown in Figure 5A</u>, the support plate **80** is connected to a curtain, shutter or mat <u>83</u> [[(not shown)]] wound around a drum <u>82</u> installed on the longitudinal back edge **7** of the frame. It must be understood that between the back longitudinal edge and the support plate **80**,

the curtain forms a reception or direction guidance mat for different objects that could fall from the machine, for example such as glass debris.